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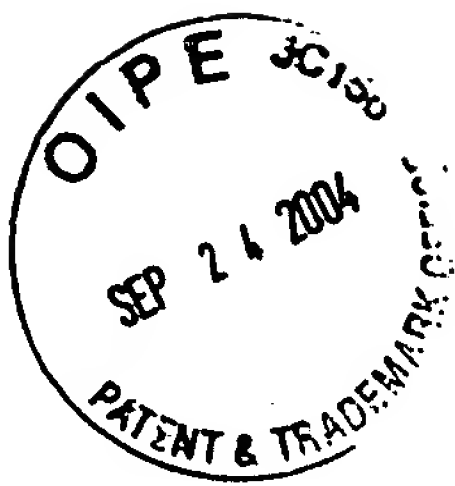
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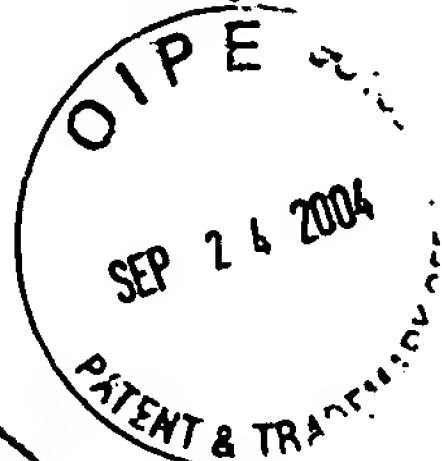
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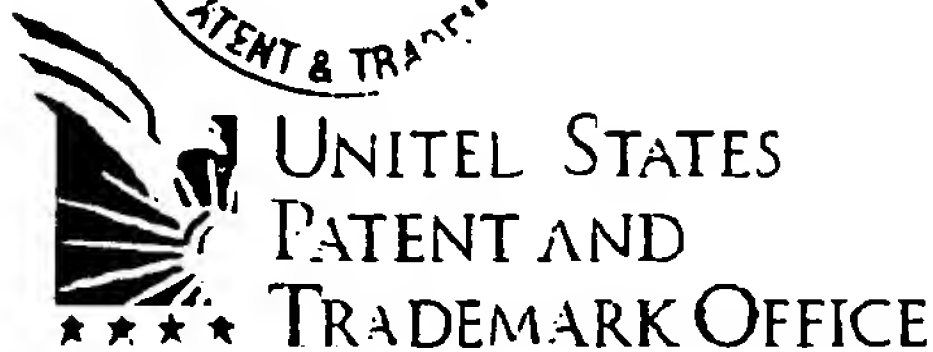
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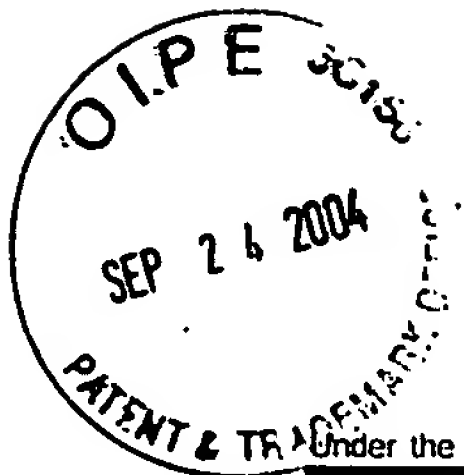
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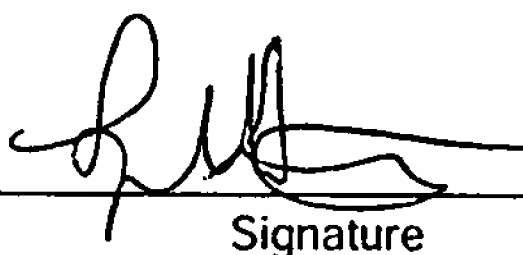
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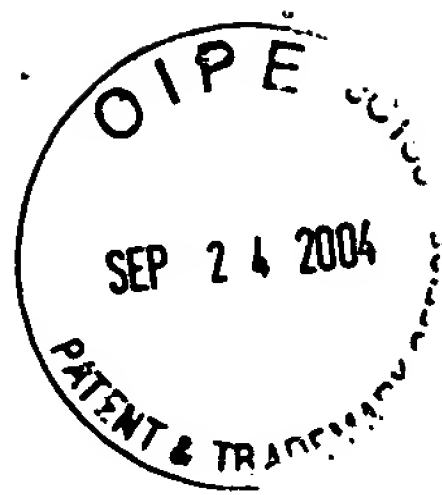
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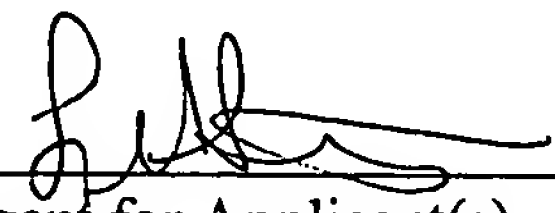
Applicants elect the invention of Group I, drawn to a process of inhibiting the expression of a target gene in cells or tissues. Group I includes claims 1-6.

If a telephone conference would be of assistance in furthering prosecution of the subject application, applicants request that the undersigned be contacted at the number below.

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No fee is required in connection with the filing of this Amendment and Response. If any additional fees are deemed necessary, authorization is given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 08-2525.

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